

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 5, 13, 19 and 25 and ADD new claim 28 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible; and
a member including two substantially parallel extensions at least one of which being a window to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one parallel extension to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case, the member being attachable to and detachable from the case, wherein, when attached to the case, the member fits substantially entirely within the aperture, ~~wherein~~ and wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction thereof includes ~~one of a bulge and a depressions~~ on at least one each lateral side of the member ~~and~~ with corresponding edges of the case ~~are~~ being formed to fit around the profile of the member.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the member is installed so that an outer surface of the ~~single~~ member is inwardly depressed relative to a surface of the case.
3. (CANCELLED)
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the member is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the member is installed so that an outer surface of the ~~single~~ member is level with a surface of the case.
6. (CANCELLED)
7. (CANCELLED)
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the member

has a width of at least 0.8mm.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the member has a width of ~ 2mm.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 2, wherein the member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

11. (CANCELLED)

12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A member including a pair of windows and an end to connect the windows in a substantially parallel arrangement, the member being provided in a disk cartridge having a case to contain a disk, wherein the member is attachable to and detachable from the case and allows an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the windows, wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction thereof includes depressions on each lateral side of the member with corresponding edges of the case being formed to fit around the profile of the member.~~wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction thereof includes one of a bulge and a depression on at least one lateral side of the member and corresponding edges of the case are formed to fit around the profile of the member.~~

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The member of claim 13, wherein the member is formed of at least one of a glass or acryl.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The member of claim 14, wherein the member has a height so that the outer surface of the member is one of inwardly depressed relative to and at level with a surface of the case.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The member of claim 16, wherein the member has a width of ~ 2mm.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the member

is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disk cartridge, comprising:

a case to contain a disk, wherein the case includes upper and lower surfaces, each surface including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible; and

a member including two substantially parallel extensions at least one of which being a window to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one parallel extension to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case, wherein the member is attachable to and detachable from the case and, when attached to the case, fits substantially entirely within the aperture, and wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction thereof includes depressions on each lateral side of the member with corresponding edges of the case being formed to fit around the profile of the member.~~wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction thereof includes one of a bulge and a depression on at least one lateral side of the member and corresponding edges of the case are formed to fit around the profile of the member.~~

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 19, wherein the member is installed so that the top and bottom surfaces of the member are one of inwardly depressed relative to and level with the upper and lower surfaces of the case, respectively.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 20, wherein the member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge of claim 21, wherein the member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

23. (CANCELLED)

24. (CANCELLED)

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disk cartridge and pickup assembly, comprising:

a case to contain a disk including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible;

a member including two substantially parallel extensions at least one of which being a window to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one parallel extension to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case, the member being attachable to and detachable from the case; and

a pickup provided with a lens, to emit light onto the disk through the at least one window, wherein, when attached to the case, the member fits substantially entirely within the aperture, and wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction thereof includes depressions on each lateral side of the member with corresponding edges of the case being formed to fit around the profile of the member.~~wherein a profile of the member in the longitudinal direction includes one of a bulge and a depression on at least one lateral side of the member and corresponding edges of the case are formed to fit around the profile of the member.~~

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the member has a width of at least W corresponding to the following relationship:

$$W = \frac{2t \cdot NA}{n}$$

where t is a distance from an outer surface of the member to the disk, NA is a numerical aperture of the lens of the pickup which emits the external light and n is a refractive index of the member.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the member is installed so that an outer surface of the member is level with a surface of the case.

28. (NEW) A disk cartridge, comprising:

a case to contain a disk including an aperture, a portion of which extends to and around an edge of the case, through which optical access to at least one of opposing surfaces of the disk is possible; and

a member including two substantially parallel extensions at least one of which being a window to allow for the optical access to the at least one of the opposing surfaces of the disk and an end to form either a bridge from one parallel extension to the other and/or to fill the portion of the aperture located around the edge of the case, the member being attachable to and detachable from the case, wherein, when attached to the case, the member fits substantially entirely within the aperture, and wherein a profile of the member in a longitudinal direction

thereof includes first and second shapes on each lateral side of the member with corresponding edges of the case being formed to compliment the profile of the member.